

THE VOICE OF THE PULPIT

**"THAT WHICH WAS LOST," INSTINCTS
KINSHIP TO THE DIVINE.**

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ple, Manchester, England.

“What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine and go after the lost, until he find it?”

“Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a lamp, sweep the house and seek diligently till she find it?”

“A certain man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father and took his journey into a far country, and there he wasted his substance with riotous living.”

“It was meet that we should mourn for him, because he was dead, and his brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and was found.”

“There is joy in heaven for one sinner that repenteth.”—Luke xiv; v. 8, 9.

These three parables were meant to show to us, among other things, that a human

distinct which prizes lost things because they are lost, has something corresponding to it in the divine nature. Looking at the three-fold aspect in which the one general thought is presented may help us to some useful considerations.

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The grazing sheep when it strays and had no intention of going anywhere; it simply knew that grass was sweet and that just ahead of it was another tuft; so it nibbled itself away out of the path, out of the shepherd's care, out of the flock's companionship. It was lost because it was heedless.

Now that is a fair statement of facts in regard to thousands of men. They do not intend any harm, they have no purpose of rebellion or transgression, but they live what we call animal lives. An animal has no foresight; it has only a rudimentary conscience, if it has that. Its inclina-

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But how it speaks of the Lord's tender love to the wandering sinner. He should put in the forefront of the parables this explanation of the condition of many, and should not at first charge it upon them as sin, but only as heedlessness and folly. There is much that is itself wrong and unchristian in the criminality of which is diminished by the fact that it was heedlessly done, though the heedlessness itself is inexcusable in beings endowed with powers of reason.

THE SECOND PARABLE.

Now turn to the second parable. The coin was heavy, so it fell; it was round, so it

There are people who are things rather than persons, so entirely have they given up their wills, and so absolutely do they let their course be determined by circumstance. The coin did not lose itself, the law of gravitation lost it and it had no power of resistance. This was an annihilation of the ideal of human endeavor. There are masses of men who have no more power to resist the pressure of circumstances and temptations than the piece of silver had. They are so completely dominated by the power of resisting circumstances is to abdicate the sovereignty with which God has invested them, that they are as passive as the coin, and the shape which externals impose upon us is settled by ourselves. Here are the same conditions; one of them yields and is ruined, the other resists and is saved.

There is the stone. You may build upon it or you may stumble over it; you take it for a stone or you may not see it as a stone. You may rule it or you may let it rule you. It is the same thing. Temptations are the fool's masters and the

wise man's servants. If all depends on the wind, the wind will be the cause of the loss of the vessel. The same groups the tiller which will the wind shall carry the ship. The same breeze carries vessels on directly opposite courses. The same wind blows the sails of the men in two contrary directions, sending the one further and further away from the one and drawing the other nearer and nearer to the land.

As we have to guard against the animal life yielding to inclinations and inward passions, we have to guard against the human taking no heed to our paths, so, unless we wish to ruin ourselves altogether, do we have to fight against the mechanical life. The mechanical life, the machine, let the world do with us what it will.

In the third parable, the foolish boy had to fight against the animal life, the instinct of emigrating. He wanted to be his own master and get away into a place where he

thought he could sow his wild oats and do no harm. He was wrong. His sins brought him to the point where he wanted to travel down, traveling downward from "rotious living" to vice, degradation and want.

PARABLE AND PICTURE.

And there is no parable; that is a picture. The other two were parabolic representations; this is the thing itself. For carelessness of the bonds that knit a heart to God, hardness of an unresponsive heart unmelted by benefits, indifference to the blessedness of living by a father's side and beneath his eye, the uprising of a desire of independence and the impatience of control, the exercise of self-will—all these are causes of loss that underlie the others of which we have been speaking; and which are the root of all our sinfulness and essential sinfulness of our sin. It is rebellion, and rebellion against a father's love.

partially explain the terrible fact that we are, in part, from God, their explanation is only partial, and this grimmer truth underlies them. Down below the ignorance and inadvertence, and error, and heredity, and domination of externals, there lies the individual choice in each case. The man knows—however hard he try to deceive himself—that he need not have done that thing unless he had chosen to do it. You cannot get beyond or argue away that consciousness. It is not the following

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